

VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program

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American Society of Health-System Pharmacists



Core Values: I CARE

Integrity **C**ommitment **A**dvocacy **R**espect **E**xcellence

Characterized by being:

Trustworthy, Accessible, Quality Oriented, Innovative, Agile, & Focused on Integration

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About Our Program

The VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System (VASNHS) provides a broad spectrum of ambulatory and inpatient services as part of VA Sierra Pacific Network (Veterans Integrated Service Network - VISN 21). The VASNHS serves Veterans in seven counties including Clark, Lincoln, Nye, and Esmeralda in Nevada; Washington County in Utah; Mohave County in Arizona; and San Bernardino County in California. Recent consensus projections place the Veteran population of these counties over 240,000. There are a total of 25 facilities which make up the VASNHS. The sites are located in Las Vegas, Henderson, and Pahrump, Nevada. The majority of the facilities are located in metropolitan Las Vegas and North Las Vegas, Nevada.

In August 2012, VASNHS proudly announced the opening of a one-million square-foot comprehensive medical center in North Las Vegas. This new facility is a 90-bed hospital with a 120-bed Community Living Center (CLC). VASNHS provides health care services to nearly 50,000 unique patients annually. In addition, four new primary care clinics complement the medical center by providing superior patient-centered care to Veteran patients. As southern Nevada is one of the fastest growing areas in the country, services provided by VASNHS will continue to expand to meet the demands of the dynamic growth.

VASNHS Pharmacy Service acquired its first resident in 2004 and began the process of structuring a residency program with the guidance from the standards set forth by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). The VASNHS pharmacy residency is accredited by ASHP as a one year post-graduate experiential education program, which provides in-depth experiences in ambulatory care clinical services.

Program Start Date: July 1st

Residents will develop and advance knowledge and skills needed to become proficient clinical practitioners through training in the following areas of pharmacy services:



Rotational Learning Experiences (required)

- Ambulatory Care
 - Anticoagulation (concentrated)
 - Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT)
 - Geriatrics Patient Aligned Care Team (Geri-PACT)
- Inpatient
 - Medical/Surgical (Med/Surg)
 - Critical Care (ICU/SDU)
- Mental Health
 - Inpatient Psychiatry
 - Outpatient Psychiatry



Extended Learning Experiences (required)

- Chief Resident
- Administration (Quality Management/Pharmacoeconomics)

Longitudinal Learning Experiences (required)

- Education and Training
- Research Project
- Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)
- Non-Formulary Consults
- Service Commitment ("staffing")
 - Weekday: Four (4) hours per week at the outpatient pharmacy
 - Weekend: Eight (8) hours every 3 weeks at the inpatient pharmacy

Elective Learning Experiences (choose 1-2)

- Advanced Administration/Practice Management
- Advanced Ambulatory Care (Anticoagulation, PACT, and Geri-PACT)
- Advanced Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)
- Advanced Inpatient (Med/Surg and Critical Care)
- Advanced Psychiatry (Inpatient and Outpatient)

Other Residency Activities

- Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) Continuing Education
- Drug Information
- Drug Monograph/Criteria For Use
- Medication Use Evaluations (MUE)
- Poster presentation at ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
- Presentation at VISN 21 Conference/Western States Conference (WSC)
- Residency presentations: patient case, journal club, management conference, inservices, patient education, others as assigned
- Participate in the mentorship program

Teaching Certificate Program (optional)

- Available through Roseman University of Health and Sciences

Expectations

- Develop clinical experience in various outpatient and inpatient practice settings
- Enhance basic skills needed for drug therapy monitoring
- Further develop communication skills through direct patient contact and interaction with other healthcare professionals
- Nurture a commitment to lifelong learning
- Participate in developing and implementing a research project
- Participate in educational activities
- Practice project management and professionalism

Benefits

- Current stipend: \$41,098
- Thirteen (13) days of annual leave accrued at the rate of 4 hours every two weeks
- Thirteen (13) days of sick leave accrued at the rate of 4 hours every two weeks
- Ten (10) paid federal holidays
- Financial assistance and administrative leave to attend the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and VISN 21 Conference/WSC
- Option for Health, Life, Dental, and Vision Insurance
- Free Parking
- Computers (PC/Internet)
- Designated office space, supplies, and support

Licensing Information

Pharmacy residents are required to obtain pharmacist license in one of the states of the United States. Pharmacy residents must schedule the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and Multistate Pharmacist Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) prior to entering the residency program or by July 30th, at the latest. Pharmacy residents must be licensed in any state by October 1st.



Applicant Qualifications

- PharmD degree from ACPE accredited College of Pharmacy
- Proof of U.S. Citizenship or proof of naturalization
- Participation in the ASHP Residency Matching Program
- Telephone interview (usually in late January)
- On-site interview (usually in mid-late February)

Application Requirements

****Submit completed application via Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS) by **January 1, 2016******

- VA Form 10-2850D (<http://www.lasvegas.va.gov/pharmacy/documents/Application.pdf>)
 - Upload completed VA Form 10-2850D to PhORCAS
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Letter of intent indicating career goals and objectives for seeking a residency
- Official transcripts from school of pharmacy and other advance degree colleges
 - Applicants from Pass/Fail programs must submit an official class rank from an administrator (Ex. Dean) directly to the RPD via email (Khenh.vong@va.gov)
- Three (3) recommendation letters (at least one from APPE preceptor)
 - A recommendation letter from your employer (e.g., supervisor) is required if you are a practicing pharmacist.

Contact information

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- For more information about PhORCAS visit: <http://www.ashp.org/phorcas>
- If you would like to contact the current residents for further information about our residency program, please send e-mails to VHALASPharmResidents@va.gov

ASHP Resident Matching Program

- VASN Match # **155213**

For more information about our residency program or application related updates, please visit our website at: http://www.lasvegas.va.gov/pharmacy/Pharmacy_Residency_Program.asp

